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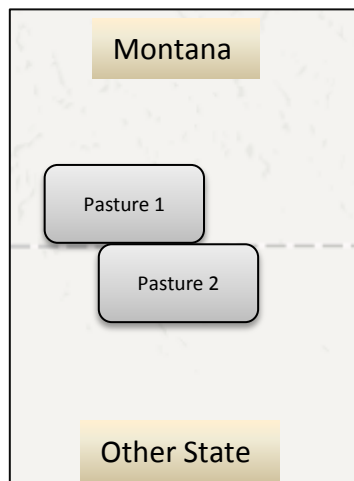
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MONTANA SEASONAL GRAZING APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A Montana seasonal grazing approval allows animals moving from a pasture in Montana to a pasture in another state to return to Montana without obtaining a second health certificate.

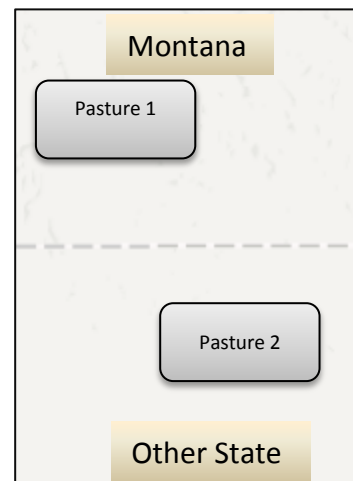
- Seasonal grazing approvals are valid for nine months from initial movement
- Destination state import requirements must be met for all participating animals prior to movement
 - Work with your veterinarian and the destination state to ensure that all requirements are met
- All vaccination eligible female cattle must be official brucellosis vaccinates at the time of departure from Montana
- Applications must first be approved by the Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) and submitted with the appropriate fee. Per ARM 32.3.2: \$37.00 for new or first time permits; \$14.00 for renewals.
- After MDOL approval, the destination state must also approve the application
- There are two types of seasonal grazing movement:

Cross-Border Grazers



Adjoining pastures straddle a state border

Commuter Grazers



Non-adjointing pastures in separate states

Choose your movement type and see the corresponding instructions.

Commuter Grazers

Additional requirements:

- For herds associated with a Designated Surveillance Area (DSA), see the DSA Herds section below
- ID requirement: brand or official USDA tag (Brite tag, OCV tag or RFID)
- A brand inspection is required for each movement
- **A copy of the Montana CVI must be faxed to the Helena office once it is issued (with all testing info, virgin statement, etc included)**
- **Must call the MDOL office within 10 days prior to returning to Montana to obtain an import permit number (406-444-2043).** Please have your Seasonal Grazing Number when you call.
 - Use the original Montana CVI issued for the initial movement. If the CVI is incomplete (no virgin stmt, testing info, etc) those requirements must be met prior to re-entry into Montana.

- Horses
 - Must meet all state of destination import requirements (CVI, import permit, testing, etc)
 - Must be individually identified on the Seasonal Grazing Application (Name, color, sex, age, markings and brands)
 - Brand inspection is required for each movement
 - Must obtain an import permit number to return to Montana
 - Per ARM 32.3.216 (5), equines which remain at all times on the premises described in the Seasonal Grazing Application do not need a negative EIA test
 - Must be individually identified on the Seasonal Grazing Application
 - Write “exempt” for the Coggins test date on the application

Cross-Border Grazers

Additional requirements:

- Health Certificate (CVI) if required by the state of destination; Montana does not require a CVI
- For herds associated with a DSA, see the DSA Herds section below
- A brand inspection is required for each movement
- **Must call the MDOL office within 10 days prior to returning to Montana to obtain an import permit number (406-444-2043).** Please have your Seasonal Grazing Number when you call.
 - Use the original Montana CVI if one was issued, but Montana does not require a CVI
- Horses
 - Must comply with state of destination import requirements
 - Must be individually identified on the Seasonal Grazing Application (Name, color, sex, age, markings and brands)
 - Brand inspection is required for each movement
 - Must obtain an import permit number to return to Montana

Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) Herds

- If the home ranch is located in Montana’s DSA, a current herd management plan must be approved by an MDOL staff veterinarian prior to approval of the Seasonal Grazing Application
- If the seasonal grazing location is within another state’s DSA, a copy of a current herd plan from that state must be included with the Seasonal Grazing Application
- ARM 32.3.436 VACCINATION WITHIN THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE DSA IS LOCATED: Within the entirety of counties in which the DSA is located, all sexually intact female cattle and domestic bison that are four months of age or older as of January 1 of any year must be Official Calfhod Vaccinates (OCV)